

Chapter 1 Judiciary

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78A-1-101 Courts of justice enumerated -- Courts of record enumerated.

- (1) The following are the courts of justice of this state:
 - (a) the Supreme Court;
 - (b) the Court of Appeals;
 - (c) the district courts;
 - (d) the juvenile courts; and
 - (e) the justice courts.
- (2) All courts are courts of record, except the justice courts, which are courts not of record.

Renumbered and Amended by Chapter 3, 2008 General Session

78A-1-102 Trial courts of record -- Divisions.

The district and juvenile courts shall be divided into eight geographical divisions:

- (1) First District - Box Elder, Cache, and Rich Counties;
- (2) Second District - Weber, Davis, and Morgan Counties;
- (3) Third District - Salt Lake, Summit, and Tooele Counties;
- (4) Fourth District - Utah, Wasatch, Juab, and Millard Counties;
- (5) Fifth District - Beaver, Iron, and Washington Counties;
- (6) Sixth District - Garfield, Kane, Piute, Sanpete, Sevier, and Wayne Counties;
- (7) Seventh District - Carbon, Emery, Grand, and San Juan Counties; and
- (8) Eighth District - Daggett, Duchesne, and Uintah Counties.

Renumbered and Amended by Chapter 3, 2008 General Session

78A-1-103 Number of district judges.

The number of district court judges shall be:

- (1) four district judges in the First District;
- (2) 14 district judges in the Second District;
- (3) 28 district judges in the Third District;
- (4) 13 district judges in the Fourth District;
- (5) five district judges in the Fifth District;
- (6) two district judges in the Sixth District;
- (7) three district judges in the Seventh District; and
- (8) three district judges in the Eighth District.

Amended by Chapter 67, 2013 General Session

78A-1-104 Number of juvenile judges and jurisdictions.

The number of juvenile court judges shall be:

- (1) two juvenile judges in the First Juvenile District;
- (2) six juvenile judges in the Second Juvenile District;

- (3) 10 juvenile judges in the Third Juvenile District;
- (4) five juvenile judges in the Fourth Juvenile District;
- (5) three juvenile judges in the Fifth Juvenile District;
- (6) one juvenile judge in the Sixth Juvenile District;
- (7) two juvenile judges in the Seventh Juvenile District; and
- (8) two juvenile judges in the Eighth Juvenile District.

Amended by Chapter 17, 2016 General Session

78A-1-105 Merger of district court and circuit court.

- (1) Effective July 1, 1996, the circuit court shall be merged into the district court. The district court shall have jurisdiction as provided by law for the district court and shall have jurisdiction over all matters filed in the court formerly denominated the circuit court.
- (2) The district court shall continue the judicial offices, judges, staff, cases, authority, duties, and all other attributes of the court formerly denominated the circuit court.
- (3) Judges of the court formerly denominated the circuit court shall:
 - (a) on July 1, 1996, be judges of the district court; and
 - (b) next stand for retention election at the first general election held more than three years after their appointment or at the general election held in the sixth year after their last retention election, as applicable.

Renumbered and Amended by Chapter 3, 2008 General Session

78A-1-106 Transition clause -- Recodification of Title 78.

For purposes of a matter pending in any court beginning February 7, 2008 through August 31, 2008, citation to an appropriate section in the previous Title 78, Judicial Code, shall be considered a proper citation to the corresponding section in Title 78A, Judiciary and Judicial Administration, or Title 78B, Judicial Code.

Enacted by Chapter 123, 2008 General Session

78A-1-107 Savings clause -- Recodification of Title 78.

The provisions of Title 78A, Judiciary and Judicial Administration, and Title 78B, Judicial Code, are considered a continuation of the previous Title 78, Judicial Code. No loss of rights, interruption of jurisdiction, or prejudice to matters pending in any court on February 7, 2008, shall result from the enactment of Title 78A, Judiciary and Judicial Administration, and Title 78B, Judicial Code. With respect to the organization of the courts, the offices of all officers and employees, shall be construed as continuations of the previous Title 78, Judicial Code. The tenure of justices, judges, justices of the peace, officers, and employees of the courts in office on February 7, 2008, is not affected by its enactment.

Enacted by Chapter 123, 2008 General Session